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RELIGIOUS SERVICES TO-DAY.

BLEECKER STREET UNIVERSALIST CHURCH.

BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH .- DR. THOMP CHURCH OF THE STRANGERS. Large Chapel, Uni-

CHURCH OF THE REFORMATION.-REV. ABBOTT CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, Thirty-fifth street,-REV.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION.—REV. COOPER INSTITUTE. FREE PREACHING BY REV. J. T. W. WARE. Morning and evening.

CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT.-MEETING OF EVERETT ROOMS.-SPIRITUALISTS. DE. H. P. FAIR-

FREE CHAPEL OF THE HOME FOR THE BLIND. PREE CHURCH OF THE HOLY LIGHT.-REV. EAST-

PORTY-SECOND STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. FORTIETH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.-REV.

TRINITY CHAPEL, Twenty-fifth street. -Rev. Dn. Moz

THIRTY-FOURTH STREET REFORMED CHURCH. UNIVERSITY, Washington square.-Bisnor Snow.

# TRIPLE SHEET

New York, Sunday, March 7, 1869.

Notice to Herald Carriers and News Dealers. HERALD carriers and news dealers are informed that they can now procure the requisite number of copies direct from this office without delay.

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## THE MEWS

Europe. The cable telegrams are dated March 6.

Seven of the principal members of the Fenian or-ganization, imprisoned in various parts of Great Britain, have been set at liberty. Reports from the Continent in England yesterday again mention the death of the Pope.

A number of changes have been made in the

A number of changes have been made in the French government departments in consequence of the recent death of M. Troplong.

The inauguration of President Grant was cele-brated on Thursday last in Berlin by a grand dinner

given by Mr. Bancroft. Count von 1

The subject of government monopolies in the cold nies, which was brought before the Spanish Cortes. has been referred to a select commi

The insurgents have abandoned the siege of Triniof Spanish troops. All Spaniards found in Mayari. where the insurgents were concentrating, are re-ported to have been killed. An expedition is on the march against the revolutionists at that point, and an engagement is expected at any time. José de Armas, one of Dulce's peace commissioners, has published a violent document abusing the Spanish government and Duice himself. Another peace com missioner pronounces it a forgery. Two hundred tons of powder have been found secreted in the use of a Mrs. Terry, in Havana. Smuggling goods tato the interior is extensively carried on in Cien

The difficulty regarding the eligibility of Mr. Stewart to the Secretaryship of the Treasur; is the matter of general discussion in Wash and a wide diversity of opinion among the Senators as to the proposed reington, and a peal of the law. Mr. Stewart himself is willing to abide by the decision cheerfully, whatever it is,

# Military Assignments.

Several important military assignments have been command of Louisiana, General Reynolds to Texas. General Canby to Virginia, and General Gillem, commanding in Mississippi, has been returned to

In the Senate yesterday a message was received from the President asking that the law of 1789 which the position of Secretary of the Treasury on accou of his being engaged in commerce, be repealed. Mr. Sherman introduced a bill to that effect, but Mr. Sumner objected and it went over under the rules A similar bill was introduced soon after, but Mr Sumner again objected to its immediate considera-tion on the ground that it would require more de liberate discussion. There being no committee, i was also laid over. Mr. Drake's resolution provid ing that Indian treaties shall be considered in oper session was passed. A resolution providing for a committee to consider all applications and sitions for the removal of political disabilities propositions for the removal of political disabilities was discussed and finally referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Rules. The Senate then ad-

General Sheridan and his staff have arrived at Fort Hays, Kansas. They report that the Indian war is ended and that not a hostile Indian can be found inside the limits of the military division. General Sheridan had received the announcement of his promotion and a summons to Washington, and he was to start immediately.

Collector Smythe's resignation has been received

James Grant, who has been on trial for some time in Richmond for the murder of H. Rive Pollard, was found "not guilty" yesterday and discharged. The spectators in the court room applicated the

Rev. Dr. Charles Gillette, of Brooklyn, died sudenly at Wilson's Hotel in Baitimore yesterday. There were eight fires in Chicago on Friday foo ing up an aggregate loss of \$90,000. Four firemen perished in the ruins of one of the buildings, and another, who fell, caught a telegraph wire with his hands and teeth and thus held on until help ar-

rived. The firemen in Chicago are all insured for \$2,000 each by the city merchants.

Liverpool, collided with a tugboat just outside the bar, at the mouth of the Mississippi, on Friday ight and sunk.

Wendell Phillips delivered a lecture in Jersey City last evening in which he commented on the man-gural of President Grant rather favorably. He urged a vigorous and, if necessary, a sanguinary policy towards the South as the only means to

Secure a lasting peace.

The municipal authorities of Newark have prohibited the use of the velocipede on the streets,

The Georgia Senate has refused to consider the

A teamster who was engaged moving a house in Buffaio yesterdy fell from his horses under the rol-lers, and the house passed over him, killing him

nstantly.

Two Indians charged with the murder of William Button were arrested in Buffalo yesterday. A third who is supposed to be the principal offender, es-

### The City.

Governor Hoffman has resigned the Grand Sa chemcy of Tammany and William M. Tweed has been elected to the position.

A meeting, which was quite numerously attended, was held yesterday at the Merchants' Exchange and News Rooms in Pine street, to take measures in opposition to a continuence of the present protective policy of the government. Messrs. William C. Bryant, David Dudly Field and others addressed the meeting. Subscriptions to the amount of \$17,355, were received to further their objects.

United States Deputy Marshal Thompson yesterday received from ex-Secretary of State Seward the pardon by the ex-President Johnson, signed March 3, of Jacob Dupuy and Moses Dupuy, convicted at the January term of the United States Circuit Court of removing a quantity of distilled spirits held at the time by revenue officers for violation of the In-

the dilapidated hacks of the city. He has fined several drivers heavily for having dirty vehicles, and has refused a new license to others. He has shall give his customer his card, with his number, name, place of stabling and the place of the Mayor's

The owner of a rabid dog in Brooklyn yesterday was fined one dollar for allowing the an

The stock market yesterday was dull and steady until late in the day, when an easier feeling in money produced activity and a general advance in prices. Gold was very variable between 130% and 131%,

closing finally at 131% a 131%.

With but few exceptions the markets were dull and heavy yesterday. Coffee was quiet, but steady. Cotton was in fair demand, mainly for export, and prices were a shade better, closing at 29%c. for middling upland. On 'Change flour was dull an i and ic. lower, while corn was quiet, but steady, and oats in moderate demand and heavy. Pork was slow of sale, but held more firmly. Both beef and lard were but little sought after, and prices favored the buyer. Freights were a trifle more active, but at lower rates. Naval stores—Rosin was unusually active and a shade firmer, while other kinds were dull and unchanged. Petroleum was dull and heavy. Whiskey was steady and firm, though in light demand.

Personal Intelligence.

# Ex-Governor W. Bross, of Chicago; Congressman

W. H. Barnum, of Connecticut; General L. E. Webb, of Wisconsin, and Luther Wright, of Oregon, are at

the St. Nicholas Hotei.
Dr. A. D. Hall, of Lansingburg, N. Y.; General T. G. Pitcher, of West Point; W. W. Williams, of the United States Navy; E. Long, of the United States Army, and C. M. Smith, of Springfleid, Ill., are at the

fetropolitan Hotel.

Judge Grow, of Goshen, N. Y.; ex-Postmaste General Randall, of Washington; A. Goodridge and G. A. Hamilton, of St. Paul, Minn.; H. G. Paut, of

G. A. Hamilton, of St. Paul, Minn.; H. G. Faul, of Richmond, Va.; Charles F. Newton, of Georgia; C. Wendell, Colonel C. W. Thompson and Colonel Car-penter, of Washington, are at the Astor House. G. R. Rutter, of Memphis, Tenn.; Colonel James Blakely, of Pennsylvania, and Professor R. P. Hamil-ton, of Chicago, are at the St. Charles Hotel.

ton, of Chicago, are at the St. Charles Hotel.
Governor T. F. Randolph, of New Jersey, and J.
B. Fenno, of Boston, are at the Brevoort House.
G. A. Stucley, of Boston; Hamilton Harris, of Albany, and J. M. Livingston, of California, are at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.
Colonel C. W. Tompkins, of the United States

Army; C. H. Corning, of Albany, and S. F. Pierson, of Cleveland, are at the Hoffman House.

# Prominent Departures.

Chief Justice Bigelow, of Boston; James B. Pell, of New York; Miss M. J. Johnson, of Boston; John Dubarry, of New Orleans; Captain Cadelot, French Army, sailed yesterday in the steamship Ville d

Ex-Secretary of State W. H. Seward left this city for Auburn, N. Y., yesterday.

a Religious View. The various religious denominations of the United States, and especially the members of the powerful Methodist Episcopal Church, have great faith in General Grant and in the prosperity of the Gospel under his administration. The General's father is a Methodist, his mother is a Methodist, his wife is a Methodist. and through these channels the General himself is well seasoned with wholesome religious convictions. We believe he has not been converted according to the Methodist ritual-he has not passed through the ordeal of mourning for his sins and that joyous sense of forgiveness and that change of heart through the Holy Ghost which casts off the old man Adam and makes the believer happy in the faith; but he is still in the way of salvation, and that's a great deal in these days of scepticism, materialism and unbelief. Thus, although the General likes to ride behind Bonner's fast horses and goes to balls, and although in "swinging round the circle" of our institutions he may drop in for an hour or so at the "Black Crook," the opera and the opera bouffe, he still likes mother's church and all the churches, and sets a good example as an honorary member by availing himself of every opportunity to go to church He attended the other day the consecration in Washington of a new Methodist church, and his presence was halled as a good sign for the prosperity of that church and all the churches under his administration.

Secondly. This idea has been and will b strengthened in every praying household circle in the nation, by the closing request of the General's inaugural, in which he asks the efforts of every citizen in the work of "cementing a happy Union," and "the prayers of the nation to Almighty God in behalf of this happy consummation." General Grant is a believer in prayer. He recalls an incident said to be connected with a critical period in the convention of the fathers engaged in framing the constitution. We think it was on the everlasting nigger question that the convention was brought to a deadlock. They knew not what to do, when good old Ben Franklin, as the tradition goes, proposed the last resort of prayer. It was tried, and the convention returned to its work and a compromise was effected, including the continuance of the African slave trade for twenty years, which restored peace in the convention and estabished the Union. As we look at it now that compromise was an awful mistake; but union was the first essential, and as they were situated an adjustment casting the deadweight of slavery upon Sambo, including the African slave trade-a New England plum-was the

best that could be done by the fathers. They did not think slavery would last long, and they would have gone, no doubt, for speedy aboli-tion had they dreamed of Whitney's cotton gin, Calhoun and Jeff Davis. Jefferson, however, had his misgivings, and they have all come true. But now, with slavery abolished and with equal rights provided for, except in the matter of the spoils, to reds, yellows, blacks and whites, General Grant with a clear con-

science may ask the prayers of the nation for

"a cemented Union" with the cement of "liberty, equality and fraternity;" for is he not to all of us now "a man and a brother?" The third branch of our discourse is the presentation to General Grant from the American Bible Society, on the 4th of March, of a splendid copy of the Holy Bible. The committee consisted of Chief Justice Chase, Senator Frelinghuysen and George H. Stuart, of Philadelphia, the very man-the identical Scotch-Irish Presbyterian-who poor McClure was afraid had been singled out as the Pennsylvania man for the new Cabinet. The Chief Justice presented the Bible (magnificently bound in Turkey morocco), and in the name of the society he expressed the hope that the new administration would be guided by its teachings. The General accepted the gift with thankfulness, and promised to preserve it and hand it down to his children in commemoration of the day. Nor have we the shadow of a doubt that, when puzzled and worried out of his life by clamorous politicians and hungry office-seekers, he will turn to its pages for enlightenment, and will be greatly strengthened thereby. He will find in the faith of Abraham and Isaac, in the great misfortune of Esau and in the treachery of Jacob, in the trials and triumphs of Moses, the great leader of Israel to the Promised Land, in the vicissitudes of Saul and David, in the gorgeous reign of King Solomon, in the revolt of the ten tribes, and so on, and in the wisdom of the Proverbs and in the warnings of the Prophets an invaluable fund of instruction; but, best of all, in the teachings of the meek and lowly

gement. We speak to a congregation greater than that which Moses led dry shod across the Red Sea - and we would warn them that in advocating the payment of the five-twenties in gold, General Grant does not, like the High Priest Aaron, when Moses was up in the mountain, intend to set up a golden calf as the god of Israel. That calf already is the god of Wall street, but it will be knocked in the head when we come to specie payments. Our new President, to sum up, will give a great impulse to the cause of religion, from the living principles thereof which are fixed in his character and from his outward manifestations as a believer. He may not come up to the mark of the Massachusetts Puritan, but he is welcome as prother in Plymouth church. Most of our Presidents have been Episcopalians or Presbyterians. Jefferson was a philosopher, Van Buren was a Dutch reformer, and old Zack Taylor, we believe, was a hard shell Baptist. The Methodists, with General Grant as their champion, have now something over which to shout hallelujah : but, as the President represents all the people, so he represents all the Churches. He comes in, too, with the sublime idea proclaimed with the star of Bethlehem, which was "Peace and good will to men;" for is not his motto the same-"Let us have

Nazarene, and in His power of healing the

sick, restoring the blind and casting out devils,

will the President find comfort and encour-

# The Glorious Defence of Paraguay.

Our dates from the Plata valley, via Lisbor re confirmatory of our views with reference to the sturdy defence which the Paraguayans are making of their country. We find now that they have simply retired from the river bank and are strongly fortifying themselves in the interior upon their first inner line. Owing to the peculiar topography of the country there are very many strong positions which will tax all the allied power to attack with any hope of success. The allies can no longer make their iron-clads available; and in the entire history of their efforts on the Paraguay river they have depended as much, if not more, upon these as they have upon the army proper. We again unhesitatingly state what we stated when the accounts reached us of the allied success at Angostura, that Lopez is stronger to-day than when he occupied the river line. The allies, once they advance towards the interior, will divide their strength; and the terms upon which the Para guayans will fight them in the future will be

earer upon an equality than heretofore. The dissensions breaking out between the allied forces are strongly confirming our prognostication of trouble between the Argentine Republic and Brazil. A year ago the troops of the two countries were indulging in mutual recriminations, and the officers were constantly engaged in duelling. The volunteers wer recruited by chaining them in pairs and driving them to the slaughter. This was the case in Brazil, the Argentine Republic and Uruguay. Since that period the war in all these countries ha been growing more unpopular. Especially is this true in the Argentine Republic, where, from President down, the people only await a decent pretext to slip from the bonds of the barbarous treaty which they signed with Brazil for the destruction of progress in La Plata valley. We now have the resignation of Marshal Caxias, the aged Brazilian commander General Gelly y Obes, the Argentine com mander, still sticks to his post; but there is every indication that his services in the direction of Paraguay will not be needed much longer.

In the new phase of the Paraguayan struggle it is a hard question for Brazil to tell what should be done next. The Emperor, Dom Pedro II., is in reality the only man who wishes to continue the struggle, and will probably resign if his empire fails to support him with the necessary means. How can Brazil do this? She is almost financially exhausted, and the only thing that keeps up her credit in Europe is the fact that she is the sole aristocratic element on this Continent upon which the monarchists can depend in their endless crusade against repub-

The Brazilian-Paraguay question is one well worthy the attention of our government. We are nationally interested in it. It should not be so studiously neglected.

TO BE RESPECTED UNDER GRANT-The religious sentiment of the country.

Prospects in the Legislature.

The State Legislature having adjourned over the inauguration festivities at Washington will, it is to be hoped, return to its duties tomorrow with all the vigor of a giant refreshed with new wine. Up to this time the labors of the Legislature, although very large in the way of bills presented, resolutions adopted, special committees appointed, and so forth, have been merely preliminary to the rush of real business which will come on after the recess. There is a great deal of important work cut out which will require more than the remainder of the allotted hundred days to accomplish. First, perhaps, in importance is the new Metropolitan Excise law. It is conceded now by the Board of Excise, as well as it is demanded by the liquor dealers and the majority of the people of the district, that some modifications must be made in the existing law which will reduce its stringency and put it upon a basis less obnoxious and oppressive. To this end some four or five bills have already been introduced in both houses, but this i evidently not the way to reach the desired end. Unity of action is the thing wanted There is one bill upon which the law advise of the Excise Board and a prominent membe of the New York delegation held a conference on Monday, and although the concessions which the Board is willing to make are not entirely satisfactory to the other interests, a bill may be yet reached more acceptable than this. The present complexion of the Legislature. with a joint radical majority of twenty-six, forbids all prospect of repealing the Excise law, as it also precludes all hope of the Sunday clause being removed, which the Germans so urgently and so naturally desire to see done. Having shut up the Sabbath liquo traffic once, the country members, who for the most part represent Sabbatarian constituencies, are not likely to throw open the doors again. But the operations of the law have become so odious and demoralizing that a modification will be agreed to: but it will not be such a one as the liquor dealers may look for. Not at all. It will in all probability be a peddling, half-way affair, which will please

nobody. The regulation of the wharves and piers is measure in which the largest interests of the city are involved, and it is one also in which "there is a great deal of money"-a fact to which the Albany men, neither in the lobby nor on the floor, we may be sure, are not asleep. We trust that whatever is done in this matter of wharves and piers will be complete. As they now stand they are a disgrace to this great maritime city, and in a sanitary point of view they are a nuisance whose "offence is rank and smells to heaven." poisoning our earth in the meantime. Ou two rivers should be girt around with piers of stone and iron. Nothing short of that will be sufficient. The bill before the Legislature contemplates this in part-but it ought to include the whole water front-and provides that the commissioners to carry out the work shall be appointed by the local authorities. It is too much to expect that this business can be free from jobbery. Of course a good many nests will be magnificently feathered; but, then, we can afford a little bleeding for the sake of seeing a respectable line of wharves and piers

on our rivers. The railroad monopolies claimed early attention from the Legislature. The special committee of the House is composed of competent members, who, if they perform their duty without favor or bias, can relieve the community from a great and too long endured evil. The Senate committee have already taken a large amount of evidence concerning the manage ment of the Erie, Hudson River and New York Central roads which is not yet before us. The disclosures relative to watering stock for the purpose of putting millions of dollars into practices whereby the stockholders are defrauded and the travelling public are imperilled, will no doubt be exceedingly interesting, if the investigation should succeed in drawing them forth; and to this extent the special committees must be held to a strict accountability. That their path is beset with difficulty and temptation is true, but then they mus remember that their trust is one not to be

Among the earliest actions of the Legisla ture upon its reassembling will probably be upon Mr. Mitchell's bill providing a bureau of gas inspection, which will then be presented. The committee now sitting at the St. Nicholas Hotel invites all afflicted gas consumers-and their name is Legion-to appear and relate their grievances. It has summone likewise the officers and men employed by the gas companies to answer such questions as may throw light upon the management of their departments. We hope that some more in telligent representatives of the many thousand sufferers by the infamous gas monopolies will accommodate the committee with information as to the wretched quality of light furnished the exorbitant prices charged and the genera insolence with which complaints are bluffed off by the officials of the companies, such as

Mr. Pike has furnished. Mr. Mitchell's bill provides that a superin endent, a deputy and five inspectors of the gas bureau shall be appointed by the Mayor. whose duty it shall be to inspect the quality of gas in process of manufacture in the different works at least five times a day. The gas companies are to charge the consumer a price according to the illuminating quality of the article as passed upon by the inspectors, and no more. Good gas for a fair price; bad gas cheap. The companies will be also bound by many other necessary restrictions with regard to meters if this law passes.

If the Legislature goes earnestly to work upon the important measures above referred to during the remainder of the session, and the members do their duty honestly and squarely, they may be able to give a good ount of their stewardship when they return to their constituents.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE-A good thing so far as it goes. But suppose the blackies don't get it. What then!

A RELIGIOUS VIEW. -Our Old School Presby terian contemporary, the Observer, takes un Stuart as its candidate for a Cabinet position on the plea that he is a "plous old fellow. It would be well for the country if a few really plous men were located in Washington.

The War Com

The war has commenced. The pol save found in Senator Sumner a leader bold enough at the very outset to plant himself in track of the new administration and to cry, "Halt! We must consider this matter." And what is the matter? General Grant, after the unanimous confirmation of his Cabinet, finds that under the law of 1789, establishing the Treasury Department, Mr. A. T. Stewart, as one engaged in trade and commerce, cannot hold the office of Secretary of the Treasury. The subject is also brought to the attention of the Senate in a bill from Mr. Patterson, of New Hampshire, to repeal so much of the act alluded to as disqualifies Mr. Stewart for his present office. Mr. Sumner objected to the immediate consideration of the bill. Mr. Sherman thought it ought to pass to enable the new Secretary to hold his office. Mr. Sumper would prefer to have the subject carefully considered by a committee. "Very well," said Mr. Sherman; "I move to refer it to the Committee on Finance." Here, however, the presiding officer, Vice President Colfax, informed the Senate that there were as yet no committees appointed, and so the subject was laid on the table.

Later in the day, however, a message was received from the President asking that Mr. Stewart be exempted from the operation of the act of 1789. Mr. Sherman thereupon submitted a bill to meet the case; but Mr. Sumner again objected and the subject was again laid on the table. What does this signify? Mr. Stewart is

admirably qualified for the duties of the Treasury Department; but, as McClure said of the other Stuart, the politicians don't know him and don't want him. They want a Secretary of the Treasury of their own feather-a man whose first business will be to divide the spoils among the faithful, as rewards for party services. Mr. Stewart could settle the difficulty by giving up his dry goods or by giving up the Treasury. But General Grant wants his services, and asks that the law which stands in his way be suspended in this case. Mr. Sumner calls for a profound consideration of the subject, and under the Senate rules his objection for a day or two is decisive. Now this may be the proper course; but coming as this objection does, from Sumner, it means war against the new administration, and explains the refusal of 'the Senate, so far, to repeal the Tenure of Office law, and explains, too, the confirmation on the 4th of March by the Senate, in the last hours of the Fortieth Congress, of two or three hundred nominations from President Johnson. Summer and his associate radicals of the Senate distrust General Grant. They are disgusted with his Cabinet, and they seize the first chance to give him piece of their mind. The case of Mr. Stewart, of itself, involves simply a mistake in regard to a forgotten law; but, under all the circumstances, we think it means a radical war against General Grant and a smash up of both the political parties of the present day. A few days more and we may have a fearful crash among the radical crockery.

RECONSTRUCTION RECONSTRUCTED-The miliary orders under the new administration.

RELIGIOUS TROUBLES IN AUBURN-Bosh!

WALL STREET PERTURBATIONS AND THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. - Affairs in Wall street yesterday were again excited, if not feverish Gold danced up and down, as it used to do in the days of the rebellion, over the prospective chances of the accession of Mr. Stewart to the Secretaryship of the Treasury. President Grant's message knocked it down and Sumner's "objection" sent it up again. Bonds opened at swimming prices, but settled to lower figures under unfavorable advices from London.

STICK TO GRANT-Everybody.

UNTIMELY DEATHS—Some members Grant's Cabinet. Obituarles are necessary.

BLAZE AWAY-THE MORE YOU BURN THE LESS YOU PAY.—The testimony of Mr. Samuel N. Pike before the legislative committee on the management of the gas companies is very remarkable, or we might say that it would be if a thousand other consumers of gas could not testify to the same fact. Mr. Pike swears that when his opera house was closed in the summer time his gas bills were higher than when the house was in full blast in the winter season and the gas was burning from footlights to dome. Mr. Pike's experience is not singular. Thousands of gas consumers have the same story to tell. There are many besides Pike using gas, some of them in their private houses, who can assert that when they consume the least quantity of gas their bills mount up to the highest figure. The deduction from the testimony produced before the gas investigating committee is, therefore, that the more gas you burn the smaller will be your bills. Is it not economy, then, to blaze away and burn all the gas you can in order to keep your was bills within a reasonable limit?

OUR NATIONAL NUISANCE, according to General Dix, is speech-making. Let it be

BISMARCK cottons to Grant.

Paris Fashions.—The unpropitious weather of inauguration day at Washington and the dense crowd at the inauguration ball were equally unfavorable for the display of fashionable feminine toilets. In New York the austerities of Lent and the unseasonable twenty-six degrees fall of the mercury on a single day have combined to postpone the advent of spring styles. We must, therefore, again refer our lady readers to the chronicle of prevailing Paris fashions regularly offered by our Paris correspondent, whose letter this week is particularly full in its descriptions of the dresses worn at recent ambassadorial receptions. For instance, at Madame de Metternich's, as well as of the rich and peculiar toilets of Mrs. Burlingame and Princess Clothilde at the Palais Royal and at the Tulleries. of the latest povelties in the way of countle flounces, square bodices, green velvet bows on havane poults, azure blue bows on salmon poult; of ruches, and of the plain cloth street costumes of "real ladies" and of their brilliant carriage costumes. In a postscript our correspondent learnedly relates how a new entable for the ten table, the Eugenie sandwich, is concected.

To BE PAID IN THEIR OWN COIN-COR gress, by President Grant,

Lamartine and the French Revolution

When a great poet like Lamartine chances to alight on those high places of political power which the mere politician climbs to by tortuous paths, and which the successful soldier conquers by the sword, his very finest qualities are a perilous snare; the breadth of his vision and the wealth of his organization constitute at once his strength and his weakness. He cannot but look from a higher than the ordinary point of view upon the conflicts that rage between the extreme portions of hostile systems—between monarchy and democracy, order and liberty, religion and phiosophy, Church and State. It has been well said that he sees too clearly and respects too much the element of truth and justice which each system possesses to pursue the triumph of the one to the extermination or the enslaving of the other. Overlooking facts which are the necessities of the present in favor of the ideal, which perhaps may become the reality of the future, the poet surveys the battle from too lofty a position to be able to direct and control it, and, apart from those hours of crisis in which personal courage and genius exercise an immediate fascination, his loquence is almost as useless as it is splendid.

But the early days of the revolution of 1848 were full of such hours of crisis, and the feats of eloquence which Lamartine then performed were as truly heroic as the deeds of conquerors. Moreover, they were witnessed, as we have already had occasion to say, by a greater multitude of spectators than ever fore gathered around a contemporaneous scene in history. No other orator had previously addressed so vast an audience. The means which modern science is daily multiplying for the transmission of thought had infinitely widened the sphere of his direct influence. The very lightning of heaven caught his words and bore them over two continents to the remotest bounds of earth. Lamartine was pre-eminently the hero of the

third French revolution. That revolution, like every other, although the result of accumulating causes, was a surprise. "France went to bed a monarchy and woke up a republic." During the flery interval Lamartine emerges from the reveries of a poet to face practical emergencies. Calmly and courageously he accepts the situation. He becomes man of action, and, grasping power with a firm hand, he saves France from anarchy and bloodshed. On the memorable 24th of February his voice is heard above the tumult in the Chamber. He expresses the feelings inspired by a spectacle well fitted to move a poet and historian—that of a princess coming orward with her innocent son, after having left a deserted palace, to place herself under the protection of a nation; he expresses also his admiration of a people who had fought during two days against a perfidious government for the purpose of re-establishing order and liberty; he insists upon boldly sounding the mystery of the right of nations, and proposes the formation of a government, not definite, but provisional—a government to be charged, first of all, with the task of stanching the blood at that moment flowing, of putting a stop to civil war. At the Hotel de Ville, on the following day, he rises five times, sublime as the Neptune of Virgil, to assuage the tempest of popular fury. The early proclamations of the provisional government bear the impress of his mind. In his official announcement of the republic, he declares [the abolition of the penalty of death for political offences-"the noblest decree that ever issued from the mouth of a people the day after their victory." He electrifies the people. He improvises the Garde Mobile. He proclaims political equality. He decrees national sovereignty. He breaks the chains of slavery. He abolishes test oaths and sets free the conscience. He effaces from from the penal code the pillory, and erases the writ of arrest and imprisonment for debt. The circular sent out by him as Minister of Foreign Affairs is a masterpiece, conceived in a higher spirit than any other similar document, and revealing the firm, frank and moderate policy which he wishes the agents of the republic to represent. When the provisional government is about to retire from its exalted and responsible position he addresses to the French nation, on their behalf, a farewell which substantially teaches the same impressive lesson as the farewell address of Washington to the American people. On the 6th of May, taking the place of the aged Dupont (de l'Eure), the nominal head of the provisional government, he reads to the Assembly a magnificent page of history, such only as his hand could pen, recounting briefly the acts of the government. On the 15th of May, when the audacity of a few conspirators had so far endangered the State as to dissolve for a moment the National Assembly, he displays an energy equal to his previous patience and conciliatory spirit. Hastening on horseback to the Place de l'Hotel de Ville, before the insurgents have fairly mastered that decisive point, he rises in his stirrups and makes one of those brief, thrilling utterances that tell with prodigious effect when elaborate orations would be useless, even if possible. He saves his country a second time from the horrors of civil war. No wonder that for many months the popularity of Lamartine was immense, and that no less than twelve departments elected him to the Constituent Assembly.

It was too much, however, to expect from ruman nature, or from French nature agitated by fierce party strife, or from the exceptional nature of Lamartine himself, that he should remain on the dizzy heights of power. All remember how rapidly, at length, he fell, how fatal to him were his temporization with the radical chief, Ledru Rollin, and his own impracticability and inordinate vanity. Lamartine had lost almost all personal political influence long before Louis Napoleon's coup d'état of the 2d of December finally sent him back to private life and to literature. Nevertheless, the rôle which he so nobly sustained in the opening scenes of the revolutionary drama of 1848 will always be historical in the eyes of France and of the world.

Mr. Frank Buchser, of St. Louis, has just fluished a likeness of General Sherman that is highly spoken of both as a work of art and for the striking resem-blance of expression.